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**Request
for
Continued Examination (RCE)
Transmittal**

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Application Number	09/866,923
Filing Date	May 30, 2001
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Group Art Unit	1771
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Attorney Docket Number	108421-00016

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) page 2

1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on April 21, 2003.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- Other _____.

b. Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other _____.

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2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____.

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is authorized to charge any deficiency fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

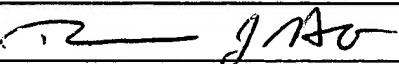
- RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- Other _____.

b. A check in the amount of \$ 860.00 (\$750.00 to cover the filing fee, \$110.00 to cover the extension of time) is enclosed.

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